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Mr. Brent Jasper
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Dear Mr. Jasper:

As you are aware, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Lake Columbia Regional Water Supply Reservoir Project, Cherokee and Smith Counties, Texas, is being reviewed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under an extended comment period granted by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. EPA's review is required pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

EPA appreciates the extension to the comment period the Corps provided to our agency ending on Monday, April 26, 2010. However, because of what we believe to be potentially severe and possibly avoidable adverse impacts, additional time is now needed for us to complete the environmental review. This time is necessary to insure that the agency's comments are thoroughly coordinated within all levels within the EPA and with other interested parties. Additionally, we need to assure that the rating given to the DEIS and the proposed action is consistent with EPA's environmental policies and mandates. Therefore EPA requests the comment period be further extended ending Monday, May 17, 2010.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions, please call Mike Jansky of my staff or myself at 214-665-7451 or 214-665-6766 and/or e-mail us at Jansky.michael@epa.gov or Gilmore.cathy@epa.gov for further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Gilmore".

Cathy Gilmore
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